

## **AMENDMENT(S) TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please replace paragraph [0008] with the following rewritten paragraph:**

Advantageous embodiments and refinements of the invention ~~derive from the respective sub~~  
~~claims~~ are disclosed herein.

**Please replace paragraph [00014] with the following rewritten paragraph:**

The invention is explained in greater detail below with reference to an embodiment represented  
in the ~~drawing~~ drawings.

**Please replace paragraph [0018] with the following rewritten paragraph:**

The embodiment of the coupling device which is shown in FIG. 1 has a first flange 1 connected to a first pipe section and a second flange 2 connected to a second pipe section, which flanges are intended to be mutually sealed, so that media like water or air 7 may pass from the second pipe section to the first pipe section. For this purpose, in ~~that~~ the face of the second flange 2 which is directed toward the first flange 1 there is disposed an annular groove 4, in whose floor a duct 5 emerges which is operable to be subjected to a pressurized medium such as, for example, compressed air.